15: U.S. Navy--27 [3] (no date) 1944 Formosans
116, 171, 595

"Marriage customs are generally similar to those prevailing in China. Monogamy is the legal standard and concubinage is discouraged in practice as well as in theory, for few can afford it."

15: U. S. Navy--30 [4] (no date) 1944 Formosans
116, 581, 587, 595, 842

"Too many daughters in a house which cannot employ them to economic advantage are an embarrassment and must be sent out to marriages or to common-law cohabitation or concubinage on a less favorable social basis. It is almost unheard of that a widow or divorcee should remarry."

15: U.S. Navy--30 [5] . (no date) 1944 Formosans
116, 595, 597, 581, 591

"If a couple is so unfortunate as to have no male issue they may resort to either or both of two practices. If the husband can afford it, a secondary wife can be taken into the home, whose male offspring will have the full status of heirs and will, in all probability, be reared by the first wife. If a secondary wife is not taken, or if there are no sons of such a union, then adoption is resorted to. The son of another family (never the first son or heir) can be adopted outright or taken as the husband of a daughter of the house. This last arrangement is preferred, for it establishes a blood connection. The new son-in-law assumes the name of his bride's house and may take up residence in it. This arrangement often results in unhappy family situations, for the adopting family is usually in much better economic circumstance than the family of the young man adopted, and he is subject to a sense of accepted social inferiority. There are, however, instances of arrangements between well-to-do friends who wish to link the fortunes of their houses."

15: U.S. Navy--30 [6] (no date) 1944 Formosans
116, 595, 842

"The secondary wife has a legal status little inferior to that of the first wife. If no children are forthcoming from the first marriage, a man is under obligation to provide heirs to continue the worship of his forefathers. Frequently, too, as a woman gets older she is more and more willing that her husband enjoy the comforts and pleasures of younger companionship, and it is not uncommon that a cordial relationship is established among the two wives and the children. Concubinage on the other hand, has a less elevated object in the satisfaction of physical pleasures without the excuse of a need for heirs. Only the upper classes with an income well above average can afford to maintain two households or one establishment big enough to keep wives and concubines happily aloof from one another. Concubines usually have no status in law and can hold no implicit claim against the estate of their master. Concubines are recruited usually from families too poor to overlook a source of ready cash and perhaps other economic favors."